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SUBJ: PRESS ACCREDITATION AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS FOR PNG
INDEPENDENCE CEREMONIES

REF: HONG KONG 8569 AND 8872

1. CONGEN ANTICIPATES NUMBER OF REQUESTS FROM U.S. MEDIA RE
ACCREDITATION AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS IN CONJUNCTION WITH PNG
INDEPENDENCE CEREMONIES AND WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT RELAYING
FOLLOWING GPNG SUPPLIED INFORMATION TO EA POSTS.

2. ACCREDITATION. B.K. AMINI, DIRECTOR, PNG INFORMATION
OFFICE FORWARDED INVITATIONS MEDIA REPS JULY 3. REPLIES AND
REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO MR. JOHN GEDDES
(PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER) OFFICE OF INFORMATION, P.O. BOX
776, PORT MORESBY. PHONE: 251191. TELEX INFORM NE 22155.
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FOR ACCREDITATION FOLLOWING INFOIS TO BE FORWARDED PNG.

- (A) NAME OF ORGANIZATION; (B) FULL NAME OF CORRESPONDENT;
- (C) NAME NEWSPAPER/1.-&-"8,3. TYPE OF MEDIA (JOURNALIST, PHOTOGRAPHER, TV, RADIO, OR DOCUMENTARY, OTHER).
- (D) ARRIVAL TIME PORT MORESBY: FLIGHT NO. AND TIME AND DATE
- (E) DEPARTURE TIME PORT MORESBY: FLIGHT NO., TIME AND DATE
- (F) ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED. YES/NO
- (G) TRANSPORT REQUIRED AIRPORT TO HOTEL. YES/NO
- (H) DOES REP REQUIRE RENT-A-CAR, HOW MANY DAYS
- (I) DOES REP WISH VISIT OTHER DISTRICTS WITH VISITING DIGNITARIES? YES/NO
- (J) SPECIAL REQUESTS IF ANY
- (K) REPS SHOULD HAVE VALID VISA OR ENTRY DOCUMENT FOR PNG IN ALL CASES.
- (L) REPS SHOULD HAVE VALID PRESS CARD

3. OTHER ARRANGEMENTS

(A) IDENTIFICATION

UPON ARRIVAL JACKSONS AIRPORT MEDIA REPS WILL BE GIVEN

(1) OFFICIAL BADGE (2) PRESS ID CARD (3) PRESS ARMBAND FOR TV CAMERAMAN AND PHOTOGRAPHERS, AND (4) PRESS KIT WITH MAPS AND BACKGROUND NOTES ON PNG.

(B) TRANSPORT

BUS TRANSPORTATION IN PORT MORESBY WILL BE PROVIDED ON A SCHEDULED BASIS FREE OF CHARGE BETWEEN ACCOMMODATION MEDIA CENTERS AND FUNCTIONS FOR MEDIA REPS.

(C) ACCOMMODATION

ACCOMMODATION HAS ALREADY BEEN BOOKED FOR THE MEDIA CONTINGENT IN CENTRALLY LOCATED HOTELS (OUTRIGGER AND DAVARA) AND WILL BE ALLOCATED UPON RECEIPT OF INDIVIDUAL REQUESTS TO THE PNG OFFICE OF INFORMATION. UPON REQUEST THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION WILL BOOK ACCOMMODATION AT TOWNS OUTSIDE THE CAPITOL. INDIVIDUAL MEDIA REPS ARE EXPECTED TO PAY FOR ALL ACCOMMODATIONS.

(D) MEDIA CENTER

THE OFFICIAL MEDIA CENTER WILL BE SET UP AT THE SIR
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HUBERT MURRAY STADIUM WHERE THE MAJORITY OF EVENTS ARE SCHEDULED. THERE WILL BE TELEX, TELEPHONE AND PICTUREGRAM MACHINES AS WELL AS DUPLICATING, PHOTO-COPYING AND TYPING SERVICES. IN ADDITION NORMAL POSTAL AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE.

IMPORTANT NOTE

NO CREDIT CARDS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR USE OF FACILITIES
AT THE MEDIA CENTER.

AS OF NOW THE PNG POST AND TELEGRAPHS IS PLANNING TO
REQUEST AN AUST DOL 200 BOND IN CASH OR CERTIFIED BANK CHECKS
FROM EACH MEDIA REP MADE OUT TO PNG POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS.
ALTERNATIVELY MEDIA REPS CAN ESTABLISH IN ADVANCE A
TRANSFER ACCOUNT TELEGRAM SERVICE WITH AN OVERSEAS
BANK (WHICH HOWEVER DOES NOT COVER PHONE CALLS AND
TELEX) OR PAY CASH. THE MEDIA SERVICES AREA IS NOT
LARGE AND FACILITIES ARE RESTRICTED. THE GPNG IS NOW
PLANNING TO HAVE FIVE TELEX (WORLD WIDE VIA MADANG)
2 TELEGRAM MACHINES, 2 PICTUREGRAM MACHINES AND TYPE-
WRITERS. A SPIRITS BAR AND COFFEE BAR WILL BE AVAILABLE
FOR VIP AND MEDIA USE.

A LIST OF CHARGES FOR THE ABOVE NOTED EQUIPMENT IS NOW
BEING PREPARED.

BRIEFINGS

TENTATIVE PLANS CALL FOR PRESS BRIEFINGS TO BE GIVEN
AT 0800 HOURS ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 AND SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 14. A FULL BRIEFING IS PLANNED AT 0800
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 AT SIR HUBERT MURRAY STADIUM.
TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND REPS SHOULD CONSULT
DETAILED PROGRAMS ON ARRIVAL.

POOLING

THERE WILL BE FEW EVENTS THAT REQUIRE POOLING AND IF
AND WHEN SUCH AN EVENT OCCURS THE GPNG HOPES POOLING
CAN BE ARRANGED BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT. GOVT INFO OFFICER
WILL MAKE AVAILABLE THEN COPY AND GOVT PHOTOGRAPHERS
THEIR PRINTS TO ALL MEDIA REPS.

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PHOTOGRAPHY AND FILMING

THE USUAL RESTRICTIONS APPLY TO PHOTOGRAPHING AND
FILMING OF ROYALTY AND HEADS OF STATE. MEDIA SHOULD
OBTAIN DETAILS FROM PNG OFFICE OF INFORMATION.

DARKROOM FACILITIES

OFFICE OF INFORMATION DARKROOMS WILL BE OPEN TO MEDIA
PHOTOGRAPHERS WISHING TO PROCESS FILM FOR PICTUREGRAMMING.

TV FILM

ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR THE DELIVERY OF TV
FILM FROM AUSTRALIA. MEDIA SHOULD OBTAIN DETAILS FROM
PNG OFFICE OF INFORMATION.

INTERVIEWS

THE PRIME MINISTER MR. MICHAEL SOMARE WILL GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE IMMEDIATELY AFTER HIS INSTALLATION AT SIR HUBERT MURRAY STADIUM. INTERVIEWS WITH OTHER DIGNITARIES WHO WISH TO BE INTERVIEWED CAN BE ARRANGED ON REQUEST.

INTERNAL TRAVEL

ON SEPTEMBER 17 VIP'S AND GOVT MINISTERS WILL VISIT VARIOUS DISTRICTS THROUGHOUT COUNTRH. MEDIA REPS SHOULD GIVE EARLY ADVICE IF THEY DESIRE COMMERICAL FLIGHT BOOKINGS. COST OF SUCH TRAVEL TO BE BORNE BY MEDIA. MAY BE POSSIBLE FOR PNG OFFICE OF INFORMATION TO ARRANGE SEATING ON VIP PLANES IN SELECTED CASES.

HEALTH

DR. WILL BE APPOINTED FOR MEDIA CONTINGENT. SPECIAL MEDICINES SHOULD BE BROUGHT WITH REPS IF REQUIRED. MALARIA SUPPRESSANTS ARE ADVISABLE AND SHOULD BE COMMENCED AT LEAST TWO WEEKS PRIOR ARRIVAL PORT MORESBY AND CONTINUED AFTER DEPARTURE.

CHECK LIST

1. SUFFICIENT CASH AND/OR CREDIT ARRANGEMENTS MADE IN ADVANCE FOR TELEGRAMS.

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2. CURRENT PRESS CARD.

3. VALID VISA FOR ENTRY PNG.

4. HEALTH CARD AND SHOTS. CHOLERA SHOT REQUIRED IF TRAVELING FROM ENEMIC AREA, AND SMALL POX IN MOST INSTANCES.

5. ACCREDITATION, ACCOMMODATION AND RESERVATION INFO GPNG ASAP.

CONTACT

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-1 COMMUNICATIONS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO PNG OFFICE OF INFORMATION PER ADDRESS ABOVE.
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